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ASSOCIATIONS

At the spring meeting of the various district Associations, officers were elected and meeting places for a year hence were selected. Those who are interested may like to correct their Handbooks with this information:

Central Association:
Moderator: Rev. E. L. Spuller.
Vice Moderator: Rev. A. R. Boone.
Registrar: Rev. Noel J. Breed.
Next meeting to be held at Salida.

German Conference:
Moderator: Rev. F. W. Gross.
Vice Moderator: Rev. August Claus.
Registrar: Rev. E. H. Kissler.
Treasurer: Rev. Richard Uhlmann.

Redwood Empire Association:
Moderator: Rev. James D. Salmon.
Registrar: Rev. Frank E. Boren.
Next meeting to be held at Cloverdale.

Sacramento Valley Association:
Moderator: Rev. T. T. Phelps.
Vice Moderator: Mr. Harry Drobish.
Registrar: Rev. Stewart E. Locke.
Next meeting to be held at Weaverville.

San Joaquin Association:
Moderator: Rev. John H. Gregg.
Vice Moderator: Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian.
Registrar: Rev. Arthur L. Rice.
Next meeting to be held at Fresno Pilgrim Church.

Santa Clara Association:
Moderator: Rev. Charles E. Ward.
Vice Moderator: Mrs. Augustine Jones.
Registrar: Rev. R. B. Cherington.
Next meeting to be held at San Jose.

Upper Bay Association:
Moderator: Mrs. Dagmar Bailey, Rio Vista.
Registrar: Rev. E. W. Benedict.
Next meeting at Crockett.

The Bay Association elected its officers last January:
Moderator: Mr. George S. Martin.
Vice Moderator: Rev. W. W. Meyer.
Assistant Registrar: Mrs. Dorothy N. Bennett.

At the spring meeting Rev. E. W. Houlding was elected Registrar, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. J. E. Enman.

CHICAGO SUMMER SCHOOL

The Chicago Theological Seminary, in conjunction with the Divinity School of the University of Chicago and the Disciples' Divinity School, announces a pastors' institute and educational conference beginning July 27 and continuing through August 10. Among those who will serve on the faculty will be Professor E. S. Ames, Professor Arthur E. Holt, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, President Albert W. Palmer, and Rev. Edwin McNeill Poteat. There is a small registration fee, and accommodations may be secured at low rates. For further information write to President Albert W. Palmer, 5757 University Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

GERMAN Y. P. CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Societies of the German Congregational Churches was held in the Zion Church, Fresno, on May 3 and 4. As is the custom of these churches, all sessions were largely attended, the young people coming and occupying the front half of the church, and the adults filling the rest of the building to capacity. The theme was "Torch Bearers." Addresses were given by young people, by the German pastors, and by Superintendent Gill.

OUR HISTORY

A decisive step has been taken looking toward the publication of the history of Congregationalism in California, which has been so painstakingly prepared by Rev. William W. Ferrier. Something over a year ago, a committee was formed to secure advance subscriptions for the book, but on account of the effort put forth by the Conference office and the churches in preparation for the General Council, the project was allowed to lie dormant.

At a recent meeting of the Conference Board of Directors, it was voted that the Board should undertake the publication and authorize Dr. Ferrier to complete the manuscript at the earliest possible date. He is now hard at work, putting it in final form, and bids for the mechanical work will soon be sought. It is expected that the book will be ready for distribution by the time of the State Conference meeting in October. The price per copy will not be determined until the contract is let for the printing and binding. Those who paid for copies in advance will be given full credit.

According to the author, the book will contain approximately 100,000 words. It will treat the early years of Congregationalism in much greater detail than will be possible for the past three decades. There will be an alphabetical list of all the churches organized during the 90 years, whether in existence now or not, giving the names of the pastors and their periods of service. Every Congregational minister who ever labored in California will come into the picture.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 27-August 1—Missionary Education Movement Conference.
October 17-19—Annual Meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, Stockton.

Young People's Summer Conferences
June 15-21—Sequoia.
June 15-21—Loma Mar No. 1.
June 21-28—Lakewood.
July 26-August 2—Zephyr Point.
August 3-9—Lokoya.
August 10-16—Loma Mar No. 2.
August 30-September 1—Loma Mar No. 3 (Young Adult).

TOWARD PEACE

The Committee on Social Action recommends that each church consider the possibility of forming a group to study the problems which are involved in the making of peace and in post war reconstruction. We are divided in our attitude toward American policy in relation to the war, but we should be able to unite in preparation for the peace. The commission, under the chairmanship of John Foster Dulles, which has been appointed by the Federal Council of Churches to study the bases of a just and durable peace, has just published a handbook, under the title, "A Just and Durable Peace," which is admirably suited for use by groups in churches. It contains as the data for study both the most important pronouncement by church bodies concerning the reconstruction of the world (the report of the Malvern Conference, for example) and a resume of significant, concrete proposals for world order. This handbook can be secured from the Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City, price 5 cents.—John C. Bennett.

PERSONAL COUNSELLING

This continues to be an important aspect of the work in Plymouth House. In addition to the ever present problems of money, vocational choice, marriage, summer activities, etc., there is now added the problems raised by the Conscription Act. A large number of consultations have been held with young men regarding their problems which this law involves. Four Plymouth House members are now in military service, two at San Louis Obispo, two at Hamilton Field. Several are on the student deferred list, and will be called up after the middle of May. A few are classified as C. O.'s and are awaiting call to work of national importance under civilian direction.

The June issue of the Pacific will be devoted to the young people's summer conferences, and will be printed early. Copy, including news from churches and other items for publication, should be in the office not later than Tuesday, May 27.

WORK CAMPS

Growing out of the meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship at Mills College last summer has come a program of work camps for young people. In this, as in many useful efforts, the Quaker church has led the way, having had a number of such camps in previous years.

Five camps are planned for this summer under the auspices of our Congregational fellowship. Their locations will be: Deering, N. H.; Wadley, Alabama; Merom, Indiana; Cleveland, Ohio, and Mountain View, California.

This last named one is our own, and will be a joint project of Congregationalists and Friends. Twenty young men and women will give two months of work, building recreational facilities for Spanish and Mexican families, and helping with recreational activities among the children of the ex-migrant communities. There will be craft classes and nursery school work in addition to the physical labor. A splendid curriculum is being set up so that the educational opportunities will be very valuable. The Council for Social Action of the Conference has assisted in planning and promoting it, and Rev. S. C. Peabody of San Jose, the chairman of the committee, will be our representative on the local governing board and will assist in selecting from the applicants those who are to have the privilege of membership in the group. Wages are not paid. This is community service, freely given, and either the young person or someone in his behalf must pay the cost, which will amount to about $75.00 per person. The camp will be co-educational.

These camps are not to be confused with the camps for conscientious objectors. They simply give to young people the opportunity of carrying out their ideals of voluntary and intelligent sharing of the social needs of the nation. Young people who are interested should make inquiry of Rev. S. C. Peabody, 70 South 17th Street, San Jose, California.

I WAS THERE

By OSWALD W. S. McCALL

I watched the red mouths of the fire eating up the houses of Rome as Rome burned, and when the Goths rushed down to strike the Eternal City and humble the grandeur that was Rome, I was there. I heard the bellow of the bulls in the Coliseum, the coughing roar of lions, the rasp of steel, and the quick breath silenced in blood; and afterwards I saw that which had been harried in the arena come to honor and power and dictate new manners to the world.

I have stood by the great; I have suffered with the poor. The dying have turned to me to hear of that which never dies; the oppressed have lifted up hands to me and hoped because I lived; the wise have listened to my counsels and been confirmed in wisdom, and even the foolish have listened and grown wise.

Empires have risen out of naught and gone their way unto naught. I have watched them come; I have watched them go.

Into my ear have been poured stories of sin too foul for rememberance; upon my heart have been placed burdens of sorrow too sad for tears.

Nigh sixty generations of saints have been singing the wonder of their faith, and I have heard them every one.

The Crusades marched, the monks prayed, the builders reared the glories of Gothic, Romanesque and Byzantine, and always I was there. Through reformation and through revolution, in old words and in new worlds, amid change of custom, politics and language, yet always where the struggle of the human heart was found, and the bewilderment of human doubt was felt, and the moan, or the sigh, or the prayer of human pain, or weariness, or fear was rising unto heaven, and most of all where greatness of human thought, greatness of human deeds, greatness of human endurance was done, there was I, there was I.

Nothing that is human is unknown to me. I am wise with the life of ages. I am patient with the understanding of ages. Mine are the eyes that see. I was here at the beginning. I am still here. I AM THE CHURCH.—Reprinted from "Advance."

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ON THE WAY

The fine gain that was noted a month ago in the first three months of the year continued during the month of April, with the results that appear in the columns below. A portion of this is traceable to remittances from two large churches in April of this year, who did not remit comparable sums last year, but with due allowance for these gains there is still a very encouraging increase. What a victory it would be to continue and increase this rate right through the year! It would make possible the opening of new work, the strengthening of our program in a number of localities, and would give us the thrill of real achievement.

Church	April 1941	Jan. 11 to Apr. 30 1941	Jan. 11 to Apr. 30 1940
Adin	$	$ 9.00	$ 7.50
Alameda	.....	202.50	236.56
Alturas	.....	12.05	10.58
Angels Camp	.....	39.50	33.75
Antioch	5.03	16.27	15.00
Auburn	.....	60.00	.....
Benicia	10.00	20.00	.....
Berkeley—			
Chinese	.....	25.00	.....
First	443.50	1,970.55	1,998.79
North	.....	154.36	112.30
Park	.....	23.07	11.60
Callahan	.....	5.13	.....
Campbell	68.00	68.00	50.00
Cedarville	.....	50.00	.....
Cloverdale	6.01	22.93	16.93
Cotati	.....	31.50	7.50
Crockett	8.15	24.14	7.52
Etna	.....	6.85	.....
Eureka	.....	134.01	172.78
Fairfax	.....	15.00	.....
Ferndale	17.31	80.31	63.05
Fresno—			
First	.....	223.92	274.88
Japanese	10.00	10.00	.....
Pilgrim	10.00	60.00	120.00
Glen Ellen	.....	20.00	.....
Hayfork	.....	5.00	10.00
Hayward	100.00	100.00	50.00
Kenwood	.....	3.00	5.30
Lodi, First	250.00	534.00	403.00
Loomis	.....	10.42	23.55
Martinez	.....	107.75	64.77
Murphy	.....	81.00	62.50
Oakland—			
First	418.00	1,672.00	1,259.98
Fruitvale	15.28	15.28	20.00
Pilgrim	7.69	16.69	14.58
Plymouth	.....	237.47	232.96
Oroville	3.60	19.25	10.76
Pacific Grove	24.17	51.08	63.35
Palo Alto	.....	412.50	503.00
Paradise	27.00	79.00	100.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	.....
Penngrove	.....	8.66	5.64
Pescadero	2.50	2.50	.....
Petaluma	.....	108.45	232.54
Pittsburg	.....	48.20	57.22
Porterville	.....	100.00	80.00
Redwood City	.....	211.19	150.65
Reedley	5.00	5.00	.....
Rio Vista	.....	37.50	37.50
Ripon	8.73	36.86	65.49
Sacramento	.....	217.46	178.91
Salida	.....	20.00	2.00
San Carlos	.....	13.24	52.67
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Park	11.50	60.86	95.40
First	166.04	1,093.95	316.28
Ocean View	.....	25.00	25.00
San Jose	80.00	220.00	235.00
San Leandro	16.07	38.73	37.81
San Mateo	16.00	238.18	203.40
San Rafael	.....	.....	20.00
Santa Cruz	.....	140.00	285.00
Santa Rosa	9.00	47.00	77.47
Saratoga	104.67	104.67	100.62
Sebastopol	2.82	54.27	47.52
Sonoma	.....	47.70	40.00
Soquel	.....	19.14	32.65
Stockton	.....	151.38	156.44
Suisun	50.43	89.10	41.33
Sunnyvale	.....	4.95	3.56
Sunol	.....	25.00	.....
Tulare	90.00	230.00	109.00
Weaverville	20.00	55.00	38.00
Woodside	.....	34.00	20.00
Reno, Nevada	54.80	166.55	96.47
Miscellaneous	151.10	1,171.10	1,149.50
	$2,212.40	$11,464.17	$9,955.56

COTATI and PENNGROVE. Four new lighting fixtures have been installed in the Penngrove church, greatly improving the appearance of the sanctuary. Paint has been purchased and the men in the community will have a painting bee. The young people have cleaned up the grounds. Five new member were taken into fellowship. Easter drew capacity audiences at both churches. Several will unite with the Cotati church in the near future. The newly formed young people's group at Cotati is growing. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

OROVILLE. Rev. Benjamin Gould, who has been pastor of this church for three years, has tendered his resignation to take effect on the 15th of June. The resignation was accepted with keen regret, for the Goulds have made a large circle of very warm friends and admirers in the church and the city. They plan to make their home, at least for the time being, at Los Altos. The church will undoubtedly arrange for an interim pastor for the summer.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. Robert Inglis, the pastor, was the speaker at the Oakland sunrise Easter service in Sequoia Park. Fifty new members were received on Palm Sunday. Nine of the young people uniting represent the third generation of members in their families. Nine hundred people attended on Easter Day, and the offering exceeded $600. A discussion group is meeting each Wednesday night, considering what kind of a peace we want after this war.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Mrs. Del Eberhardt has been secured as the director of religious education and for work among young people. Members of the Beacon Club presented a play to a very appreciative audience. Rev. Pierson Parker, the pastor, and the church have agreed to be responsible for services of worship and pastoral service in the Kensington district beginning September 7.

FRESNO, FREE CROSS. Under the leadership of Rev. B. H. Kissler, the Sunday School is showing substantial growth. The English language is being used in the Sunday School, and there is a morning service in English once a month, when the attendance is about 50 per cent greater than on the Sundays when the German language is used.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. On Easter there were four baptisms. Seven new members have come into fellowship during the Easter season. Mr. Byron Eshelman, who has served as pastor for nearly two years, will close his work on May 11 and return to the mid-west. He will be in Yale for his final seminary year.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. At the Association meeting, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian was introduced and conducted the service of worship. It was reported that during the year there had been 24 new members and eight removals, that the Sunday School had an average attendance of 110 and the Christian Endeavor of 65.

ALTURAS. Rev. C. C. Champlin has closed his work as interim pastor and has returned to his home at Sonoma. The church and side room were crowded to overflowing on Easter Sunday. Rev. Theodore E. Schulz is now in Alturas and at work on the field. Several delegates were in attendance at the Sacramento Valley Association meeting.

STOCKTON. Two Easter morning services were held, but they were not identical, and Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, preached two different sermons. New hymnals have been secured and are paid for. The church was host to the Central Association, and is looking forward to the State Conference meeting.

PORTERVILLE. The largest attendance in the history of the church filled the auditorium to capacity at the two identical Easter service. An offering of more than $415 was added to the Golden Jubilee fund for the erection of a parsonage. Twenty-five members were received at the Thursday evening communion service. New drapes have been hung in the social hall. The church was host to the San Joaquin Pilgrim Fellowship rally. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

WOODSIDE. The new unit which is being built will soon be completed. It will provide an assembly hall, washrooms, closet space, and a class room or two. The present sanctuary will be enlarged and connected with the new building. Fifteen new members have been received during the past year. More hymn books have been purchased, and the Sunday School has improved in attendance, interest and reverence. Twenty young people are in the Pilgrim Fellowship. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is pastor.

TULARE. At the Good Friday communion service the largest class of new members received during the pastorate of Rev. Arthur L. Rice came into fellowship, nineteen in number. About half were young married couples and the other half from the pastor's training class. The San Joaquin Association was entertained, and many commented on the lovely arrangements of the floral decorations. The Sunday school is of a high quality, and the church has no debt.

PALO ALTO. This church was hostess to the Spring Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, which taxed the facilities of the building. A hundred and sixty copies of the newest edition of the Pilgrim Hymnal were secured before Easter. The young people of the church furnished the worship program at the West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship rally. Rev. Augustine Jones is pastor.

FAIRFAX. Improvements in the property include venetian blinds, a new floor lamp, four new lighting fixtures, a new garden fence, and shrubs and landscaping of adjacent lot. All Easter services were well attended, and ten new members were received. Rev. W. W. Meyer, pastor, is president of the Marin County Ministerial Association which sponsored five Easter sunrise services.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE. At a recent Sunday morning communion service, attended by 120 persons, thirty young people came into the fellowship of the church. On Easter Sunday there was a large congregation. Two babies and eight other persons were baptized and two received by letter. Rev. B. Y. Leong is pastor.

MARTINEZ. The church has voted unanimously to purchase a pipe organ, which will be installed in ninety days or less. It has been designed and will be built especially for this church. Twenty-two new members were received on Palm Sunday and four small children were baptized, including the tiny daughter of the pastor, Rev. Verdette Walters.

SEBASTOPOL. A second young people's group of 7th and 8th graders has been formed. Rev. George E. Atkinson reports that there will be some in attendance at the summer conference.

SALIDA. Mr. Lewis Presnall continues his leadership of the church. The average attendance in the Sunday School is now 85. Five new members were received on Easter Sunday.

EUREKA. An Easter evening concert, entitled "The Miracles of Christ," was given by the choir. The "Gypsy Pat" Smith campaign has come to a successful conclusion. Rev. C. H. Hudson is the pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. Just as The Pacific goes to press, word comes that this church has called Rev. John H. Gregg of Porterville to become pastor upon the taking effect of the resignation of Rev. Norman B. Henderson. This is the first instance in recent years when one of the stronger churches of our Conference has recognized outstanding work of a minister in a smaller congregation. Mr. Gregg has not yet announced his acceptance but has been receiving overtures from the Fresno Church for some weeks.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY ARMENIAN. On Palm Sunday the guest preacher was Rev. H. H. Riggs, who was in San Francisco waiting for transportation to the Near East but who was unable to sail. The church shared in a community service with the Presbyterian and Gregorian Armenian churches, with Dr. Riggs as speaker. On April 24 the church celebrated its fifteenth birthday with a dinner. More than $100 was raised for the church. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian is pastor.

BERKELEY, PARK. Attendance at the Holy Thursday communion, and on Easter Sunday, was more than satisfactory. Four adults and one junior were received into church membership. Two babies were baptized, both from young families of the young people's group of the church. The Bay Association spring meeting was held in this church as a final event in the celebration of the 10-year pastorate of Rev. Tom Watt.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Seventeen new members were received at Easter, six of them coming from the Sunday School. There were 63 present at the sunrise service, and 170 at the regular Easter morning hour. During April more than $87 was added to the cash balance for building improvement, making a total of more than $350, with $540 in outstanding pledges. Rev. Harvey Miller is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. At the Holy Thursday candlelight service thirty-nine were received into membership, and four hundred partook of the communion. A thousand people crowded every corner of the church and Sunday School rooms on Easter Sunday, and 375 were present at the musical vesper service. Eight babies were baptized by the pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood.

FRESNO, ZION. The congregation is enjoying the new Orgatron. Only a small debt remains on the organ and the building. A reunion was held of the 165 persons who had been confirmed in the past ten years, 125 of them being present. The church is now having the largest congregations in the pastorate of Rev. J. N. Sauer.

BENICIA. Since the coming of Rev. Isaac Fleming as pastor, there has been a large increase in church attendance and the Sunday School has almost doubled. At the May communion seven were received into fellowship. The young people have reorganized and have adopted definite aims. The Ladies' Social Circle as usual is very active.

FOWLER. The church has 74 communicants, 30 men and 44 women, and the average church attendance is 66. The church has its own orchestra. There is a Sunday School enrollment of 47, and 22 members in the Christian Endeavor Society. Rev. A. A. Georgizian is pastor.

ELK GROVE, GERMAN. This church has pioneered by the installation of fluorescent lighting. It is proving highly satisfactory. Rev. F. W. Gross of Lodi is pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. Sixteen new members were received at the Easter service, and ground was broken for the new social hall. Mr. Sherwood Wirt is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

CALAVERAS COUNTY. At Angels Camp on Good Friday the theatre service brought a larger attendance than a year ago. Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton preached. The latter half of the Easter morning service was a cantata, "The Mystery of Easter." The church was beautifully decorated and crowded with worshippers. Three people were received into membership at the Thursday night communion service. At Murphy, three new members were received, all from one family, who will be a substantial help. On Good Friday evening a communion service was held, with a new worship center. The church building is being repaired and will be made more beautiful and worshipful. The church is looking forward to celebrating its 75th anniversary in September. Rev. J. D. Dickey, the pastor, was the preacher at the Central Association meeting.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. The Church School has been fortunate in acquiring a choir director, who is a teacher of speech and music. A second Brownie group is now using the House. The Hi-K Club has had excursions to the Berkeley Aquatic Park and to Angel Island. New officers and members have been chosen for the Directing Committee. An Easter offering cared for more than half of the deficit in the year's operations. Rev. Pierson Parker and the North Church will be responsible for preaching services beginning September 7. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Dimock are directors of the House.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. About 1000 people were present at the two Easter morning services. The junior choir and the Altar Guild assisted, the latter robed in white, bearing lilies, led the processional. Fifty-four new members were received on April 20. The Women's League had an impressive communion service, the twelve disciples being represented by twelve women, each one representing a racial group. Rev. Torrance Phelps plans to have an organization to appeal to every person. There are now ten groups of women, with membership totaling three hundred.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Sunday evenings devoted to the missionary program of the church have proved to be interesting and inspiring. Among the speakers have been George N. White of the Congregational Board of Home Missions; Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, President of the Conference Board; and Mrs. Jean Wilbur. The church has joined with other churches of the Mission District in a program of spiritual advance, all the ministers using the same sermon subjects and pooling their resources in newspaper advertising.

OAKLAND, BETHANY ARMENIAN. Wednesday evening services were held during Lent, with Rev. M. G. Papazian preaching a series of short sermons on "Mountain Peaks of the Bible." A free-will offering was taken each night for war sufferers. Seven children and one adult were baptized on Palm Sunday. At the Thursday evening communion of Holy Week eight were received into fellowship, six by confession and two by letter.

LODI. Fifteen young people and two adults were received by confession of faith the Sunday after Easter. On Easter evening the Methodist and Congregational churches together produced the drama, "Dust of the Road," by Kenneth Goodman. Sunday School attendance is the highest it has been in years. A new gas furnace is being installed for the auditorium. The church showed its appreciation of the pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, by remodeling and redecorating his study.

PITTSBURG. The church was filled to overflowing on Easter, and on Palm Sunday ten children were baptized. On Thursday evening before Easter, at the communion service, fourteen were received into fellowship. The young adult group laid a new carpet in the foyer and put in new stair railings and redecorated the walls and ceilings. The women of the church held a spring luncheon, followed by a cavalcade of wedding gowns. The Rainbow Circle held a hobby luncheon with fourteen hobbies exhibited. Classes take turns in conducting the opening worship service in the Sunday School. On the last Sunday of the month a missionary offering is taken. Rev. E. W. Benedict, the pastor, took part in the Easter sunrise service on Mount Diablo.

SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE. DuBois' "Seven Last Words" was given by the choir on Palm Sunday evening. Holy communion was conducted daily during Holy Week at the noon hour, Monday through Thursday. The three-hour service on Friday was attended by a large congregation. Easter, as always in this church, was a truly great day, with two services in the morning, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce preaching at one and Rev. Edgar A. Lowther at the other. Twenty-six new members were received. A concert of favorite songs by the choir was given the last Sunday night of April. The San Francisco State College gives its annual spring concert—the oratorio "Creation" by Haydn—on Mother's Day evening.

ANTIOCH. The attendance at services and other church occasions between Palm Sunday and Easter totaled more than one thousand, and this in a church that wanted to close its doors several years ago. Eight new members were received on confession of faith. The Cub Pack being sponsored by the young adults has grown so rapidly that it may be necessary to form a second group. Fifteen young people are endeavoring to earn money to attend summer conference. In addition to the pastor, Rev. W. R. Steininger, there were eight in attendance at the Upper Bay Association meeting.

RIO VISTA. All the objectives of the Program of Progress have been surpassed. New vestments for the choir, given by the Friday Club, and pulpit gown given by a friend, were used for the first time on Easter. A deeply devotional service of Holy Communion was held on Maundy Thursday. Every facility was taxed to the utmost on Easter Sunday. Mrs. James Bailey of this church was elected Moderator of the Association. Rev. Victor Morgan, the pastor, was surprised with the presentation of the "Silver Beaver," the highest Boy Scout award for distinguished services to boyhood.

SAN MATEO. Fifty-one new members came into fellowship on Palm Sunday. The same day eight children received baptism. The Cherub Choir and the Children's Choir, all in white robes, furnished music. On Easter Sunday many people were unable to see the minister, but the seating arrangement permitted them to hear. Thirty-five young people gathered at the church for breakfast following an Easter Sunrise Service. Rev. Sidney Buckham, pastor, is to be director of the Loma Mar Conference No. 2.

SARATOGA. The Sunday School has an enrollment of a hundred, with an 80 per cent attendance. A junior high school group and a couples group are off to a good start. Six thousand dollars is pledged toward the new Sunday School unit, of which two-thirds is in the bank. The largest attendance in years enjoyed the Easter service, when Rev. Fred R. Morrow preached on "The Indestructible Soul."

RIPON. After a number of months without a pastor, this church has called Rev. A. C. Hacke, retiring superintendent of the North Dakota Conference. Mr. Hacke has given assurance of his acceptance and will be on the field soon after June first. He is a man of much experience, having been superintendent more than twenty years, prior to which he was a pastor and before that in business. He will bring to the Ripon church vigor and vision in leadership. During the interim the pulpit has been ably supplied by Mr. W. L. Rowan, a member of the church who resides in Modesto.

Mr. Hacke's coming will bring him into the same Association as Rev. John G. Dickey of Angels Camp, who was at one time associate superintendent of North Dakota.

TRINITY COUNTY. On Palm Sunday, at Weaverville, Rev. P. N. Bennett, the pastor, received twelve persons on confession of faith, of whom nine were baptized. Several were connected with the U. S. Forest Service and six were High School young people. On Easter Mr. Bennett preached at Lewiston at eight, met with the Sunday School of Weaverville at ten, holding service at the regular eleven o'clock hour, and then at Hayfork at three in the afternoon. In the evening the Pilgrim Fellowship presented an Easter drama entitled "Visions of the Invisible." Services were held each night during Holy Week.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The greatest Easter attendance in history, totalling 410, is reported by Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor. There was an offering of $156. At the vesper hour more than 200 saw the pictures of the Passion Play. Another great day in the history of the church was Palm Sunday, when Rainbow Girls attended in a body. Five new members were received into fellowship. The church is planning several events during the month in honor of the completion of seven years of the present pastorate and the 51 years which Mr. Orr has spent in the ministry.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Rainbow Girls attended one Sunday morning service and a week later Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, preached to 1200 girls, when the state convention opened in Oakland. Mrs. Reidenbach has made a study of the history and problems of the farmer and the migrants and has spoken before groups in the church and in other churches. At the traditional Easter afternoon communion service fourteen babies were baptized and twenty-six new members were received. Children and young people will unite on Youth Sunday.

SOQUEL. New by-laws have been adopted by the church. Twelve new members were received on Easter Sunday. There are 48 young people enrolled in the two intermediate young people's groups. These groups sponsor one Sunday evening service a month. The Church School continues to grow and three new teachers have been added. A community club of married couples has been organized. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

HAYWARD. On Easter Day this church received thirteen new members into fellowship, nine on confession of faith and four on reaffirmation. On May 15 the Ladies' Aid Society will present a procession of brides with period models from 1846 to the present day, conducted by Mrs. Henry A. Dodge. Rev. Godfrey Matthews is the pastor.

LODI, EBENEZER. Extensive alterations and enlargement of the building are nearing completion. This will almost double the capacity of the church and make possible many additional activities. Rev. F. W. Gross is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. A great class of 73 members were received into fellowship during the Easter season. The church continues its custom of providing a one-year subscription to The Pacific free to every new family. On the Sunday after Easter, the pastor, Rev. Vere V. Loper, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Clarence Reidenbach of Oakland. In a single month there was left in the box in the hall of entrance, $107 for war relief. At the union Good Friday service $124 was given for China Relief. A series of evening services at which "Creative Trends in a World at War" will be set forth have been arranged. These include "Interracial and International Problems in California," "The Refugees," "Subjugated Peoples," "The Search for a Lasting Peace," and "Responsibility Toward a New World Order."

REDWOOD CITY. Easter morning attendance reached an all-time high for this church, and the Sunday School was larger than for several years past. The Holy Thursday candlelight communion service was especially impressive. The reading of Channing Pollock's "House Beautiful" drew a large attendance at the Women's Guild meeting. Plymouth Guild has a weekly sewing bee for the Red Cross, and the Junior Guild has been helpful to the Boy Scout troop. During the illness of Rev. Chares E. Ward the pulpit waso ccupied by Peirce Coombes, the key layman, and Rev. R. J. Currie, former pastor.

SAN CARLOS. A drive for the new church was launched and thirteen persons joined the $100 Builders' Club, making a total of thirty toward the one hundred. Five thousand dollars has been pledged thus far. Twenty-two new members were received during the Easter season. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 226. There are two women's organizations, each with a membership of more than a hundred. More than 400 were in attendance at the various Easter day services. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

SONOMA. The interior of the sanctuary has been greatly improved. New floor has been laid, carpet provided for the aisles and platform, the color of walls and gable has been lightened, the platform has been rearranged and panels and chancel rail erected. The social room downstairs has also been painted. The church was host to the Redwood Empire Association. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. The Ladies' Monday Evening Club sponsored a sunrise service, at which a hundred persons were in attendance. A choir of ten Sunday School children has been formed, which assists in the services. Mr. and Mrs. James P. Senter are happy in the arrival of a daughter, Jane Margret. This is the third little one to come into the pastor's home.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The next regular meeting of the Federation, with reports, addresses, and other business, will be held on the third Thursday of May (May 15), at the First Congregational Church in Oakland.

SPRING MEETING FLASHES

Once more the weather man has been in league with our Spring meeting. The sun shone all day upon us as we gathered at Palo Alto on April 17. The warmth of the sun was matched by the warmth of the greeting we had from the women of the hostess church. An unusually large number responded to the call of a perfect day and a most interesting program. We filled the church to overflowing.

The addresses of the morning centered around our Thank Offering projects. Mrs. H. S. Gauthier first summarized these for us, with the changes made this year: work for three hospitals in China, participation in the salary of a nurse for Grant's Congregational Hospital in New Mexico, and (unchanged, except for different leadership) the work in Trinity County and in the Children's Project of Grace United Church in San Francisco. Following her summary, we heard from the new head of Grace United Church, the Rev. Donald Gaylord. He showed us the location of the church in the heart of one of the most difficult districts of San Francisco and then showed the truly remarkable work being done there to which we are fortunate enough to be able to contribute. The most important phase of this work is the week-day church school. Skilled teachers are in charge, paid an amount almost infinitesimal, but enough to give them a feeling of responsibility. There are many interest groups: art, music, drama, handwork of many kinds, activity programs, and a worship service which is both genuine and deeply reverent. The gymnasium is in use every evening and most afternoons. It is proposed to have a library hour for supervised reading of good—and interesting—books and magazines, with a story hour for the younger children. On Saturday there is held a Boys' Club, for boys from seven to nine years of age, the only work in the Mission district for that age group. All this work culminates in the Boys' Camp at Monte Toyon, in the summer. The entire budget for all this varied program came to only about $550.00 last year, giving, said Mr. Gaylord, "the most for the least" in the city. One of the outstanding workers in the field, whom Mr. Gaylord praised most highly both for her gift with children and for her ability in the subjects she handles, is Miss Alice English. Miss English is available for talks at Association meetings or Thank Offering services, if these come at times when she is at liberty.

Mrs. Leonard Wilbur then took us to China to see there the "interest on our investment" of our Thank Offering money. She gave us pictures of lives changed and helped—of the first baby born in Taiku hospital who later returned to work in the same institution; of the five children rescued from untold misery at the hands of an opium-eating mother; of the families where little girls were welcomed with the same affection as if they had been little boys. And as we heard of these and many others, we felt that we had, indeed, received full measure for any investment we had made for lives in China.

Mrs. E. V. Krick read a letter telling briefly but enthusiastically of the welcome accorded the "Denton organ" now installed in the Doshisha in Kyoto, and of the importance of music in the lives of the new women in Japan.

The morning session closed with an unusual and beautifully spiritual devotional service, conducted by Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach. It centered on the motto for the meeting: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" and led us quietly into His presence.

At the noon hour, when we had stowed ourselves into every conceivable seat which our gracious hostesses had managed to get together for us, we had a rare treat in hearing from Mrs. Alice Brown Frame and Mrs. H. S. Martin, just recently arrived from China.

The afternoon session opened with an excellent review by Mrs. T. T. Giffen of Glenn Clark's book, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes." This was followed by a beautiful solo by Mrs. Floyd Cowan of the hostess church, after which came the principal address of the afternoon. The subject was one which has occupied movies and the daily papers very much of late: "Dead End Kids." Dr. Richard Perkins of the San Francisco Y. M. C. A., was to have given the address, but was unable to be present. However, we felt no lack in the speaker who took his place, Mr. Robert Simcock, Secretary of Boys' Work in the same organization. He spoke of the need of preventive work, since, if the boy of eighteen or thereabouts has become a "repeater" in delinquency, there is very little that the various social agencies can do for him. A very small per cent of these ever become good citizens. More encouragingly, he assured us that only a very small proportion of the boys brought before the courts have ever been to church schools or Y. M. C. A., and none were Boy Scouts. From the eager questions which continued to come from all over the church, in spite of our President's repeated efforts to close the meeting after Mr. Simcock's talk, it was evident that the audience had been intensely interested in the address.

THOSE READINGLISTS

The long-awaited reading lists have arrived at last and may be obtained from Mrs. Robert d'Erlach. Do not forget to send her the name of the church from which the request comes and the name and address of the reading list chairman. Also remember to send postage for mailing, as no fund is maintained by the Federation for this.

WOMEN'S COMMUNION

Too late for inclusion in last month's PACIFIC, came a report of a very beautiful communion service held at the meeting of the Women's League of the Pioneer Congregational Church of Sacramento in March. The first part of the service was an impressive candle-lighting ceremony prepared by Mr. Arthur Casaday of Berkeley. Then one by one, twelve women, as twelve disciples, entered and spoke for all the lands of the earth, telling what Christianity had brought into the lives of the women of these countries. Their costumes furnished the only color against the white spiraea and lilies which decorated the church. The study book, "Women and the Way," was used as source material. The service was deeply spiritual and a fitting introduction to the actual celebration of the communion, conducted by Rev. Torrance Phelps, pastor of the church.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. On March 10, in spite of heavy rain, there was fine attendance at a service and luncheon celebrating the second anniversary of the reorganization of the church. The Easter morning service was conducted by the young people. Dr. B. C. Wong is pastor.

Y. P. RALLIES

West Bay young people held a rally at Santa Cruz on Friday evening, April 18, with Art Casaday of Plymouth House as the speaker.

The young people of the San Joaquin Association held a rally at Porterville on the evening of April 19, with Field Secretary Sherman showing pictures and an address by George N. White of New York.

The Stockton church was host to about fifty young people from several churches on the evening of April 25, when Dr. Henry David Gray, young people's secretary of the Board of Home Missions, was the speaker.

A picnic to boost interest in Lokoya Conference will be held at Lokoya from 10 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. on Saturday, May 17. There will be games, swimming, and a weiner roast. Field Secretary Sherman will show pictures and Mrs. Jean Wilbur will speak.

East Bay young people will hold a rally Sunday evening, May 25, in Tilden Park.

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham announces a rally at the Loma Mar conference grounds on Sunday, June 1, beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon, with a picnic supper.

MISS COXHEAD EN ROUTE

Miss Mary Coxhead, a member of the staff of Plymouth Church, Oakland, is giving a large portion of her time as a field representative for the Institute of International Relations, to be held at Mills College. It will be remembered that Miss Coxhead gave material assistance in bringing to the attention of our churches the program of the Congregational Committee for Assistance to War Victims.

GREETINGS

Old-time friends of Rev. Edmund Owens, now living in Lincoln, California, will be glad to learn that Mr. Owens' health is better than at any time since the beginning of his illness. He acknowledges greetings recently sent to him by the ministers of the Conference and wishes to be remembered in return.

CLOVERDALE. Most young people attend the regular morning service of the church. Rev. H. S. Davidson is delighted with the work of a planning committee which meets once a month and outlines projects through which the church may serve the community.

CAMPBELL. Fifteen adults and three juniors were received into the fellowship during Easter week. The new orgatron, which is proving of such splendid assistance in the service of worship, is nearly paid for. Rev. J. H. Bennett is pastor.

INTER-RACIAL GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING

One of the highlights of the year at Plymouth House was the joint Sunday Evening Forum with the Berkeley Fellowship of Japanese Students. A panel discussion on the subject of "My Faith" was held, two speakers from each group making up the panel. The Berkeley Fellowship meets regularly in Plymouth House Sunday evenings at 8 p. m.

Following this panel, and in recognition of the fact that the Japanese students and their families face increasingly difficult times because of the crisis in the Pacific, Plymouth House began searching for a plan to deepen the friendships and associations between the two groups. As a result, they decided to invite the Berkeley Fellowship to join their Recreation Night activities. Now, twice a month, the members of Plymouth House and of the Berkeley Fellowship join together in an evening of fun in the gymnasium, playing volleyball, badminton, and ping-pong, singing and folk-dancing. It is a great experience in the breaking down of barriers and in the creation of a sense of community.

RENO, NEVADA. Rev. and Mrs. William Moll Case are happy in the renovating of the parsonage, which will have hardwood floors and insulation of the walls. The cantata, "Death and Life," by Harry Rowe Shelley, was presented Easter evening.

ALAMEDA. On Easter Day evening the oratorio, "The Holy City," by Gaul, was presented by an augmented choir. Professor James Muilenburg's preaching ministry with the church will soon close. Rev. Robert Cleland is resident pastor.

KENWOOD. Rev. F. E. Boren reports that Easter attendance broke all records, eight being received into membership and two others previously. This group included four married couples.

SUNNYVALE. The budget of the church has been balanced, even though it is about double what it was a year or two ago. The church has been painted and repaired. Rev. J. K. Ballou is pastor.

PARADISE. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall is delighted with two fine young people's groups. The attendance during the Lenten season was especially encouraging.

PARLIER. Rev. N. K. Hachian baptized six children on Easter Sunday. The Sunday School reports an excellent staff of teachers.

ADIN. A hundred and sixty people crowded the little church on Easter Sunday, the largest congregation ever recorded. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is pastor.

PETALUMA. Rev. T. T. Giffen, pastor, has been invited to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Pomona College this June.

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